



The Rare Travels of J o B H ' o
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[Opening of the original tract of 1591.]



JJO DISCOURSE, in large circumstances, the full scope of this my tedious travail would seem superfluous; and in omitting that which is most needful, I might commit great folly: wherefore, to avoid circumstance, and yet to deliver matters of chiefest effect | I will, so near as I may, briefly, yet truly, run over the principal points, and particular substance of my travels, troubles, and dangers sustained since my departure, even until my return into England : which I am most joyful to see to stand in so happy and flourishing estate, which I pray GOD still to continue, to the world's end !

[Opening of the revised and better written text in HAKLUYT. *Voyages* ^ & * € , lii. 487. Ed. 1600 : which has been adopted to the end.]



NJOT untruly, nor without cause, said JOB, the faithful servant of GOD, whom the Sacred Scriptures tell us to have dwelt in the land of Hus, that " Man, being born of a woman, living a short time, is replenished with many miseries" ; which some know by reading of histories, many by the view of others' calamities, and I, by experience in myself | as this present ensuing Treatise shall shew,

It is not unknown to many, that I, JOB HORTOP, Powder Maker, was born at Bourne, a town in Lincolnshire,